



Education

# Bankstown South Infants School



Creating Our Future

Newsletter Term 4 Week 3, 2020



**Wednesday** – Library Borrowing Day  
**Friday** – SportsPro Program

## What's on @ BSIS

### Term 4 Week 3

- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October**
  - Book Fair
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October**
  - Book Fair
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**
  - Book Fair
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**
  - World Teacher's Day

### Term 4 Week 4

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**
  - Stage 1 Planetarium
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Kindy Orientation
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**
  - Kindy Farm-Kindy, Preschool & Early Intervention Incursion

### Term 4 Week 5

- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**
  - Naidoc Week
  - Preschool & El Farm Visit
  - Public Speaking Finals
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Kindy Orientation
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**
  - Naidoc Week Mufti & Donut Day
  - El Play day
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**
  - Naidoc Week Recognition
  - P & C Meeting



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## Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4. Although there may have been times during the year where we wondered if we would ever make it this far, we have made it!

It has been fabulous to hear about the things our students did during the recent holidays and see them all return for the last term of 2020 ready for the learning opportunities ahead. There have been some changes to the NSW Department of Education guidelines for activities during Term 4. We are hopeful that although there are a number of restrictions that remain in place, that we will be able to offer some additional opportunities for our students.

While there are a number of restrictions that remain in place for parent and carer involvement in school activities, we again take this opportunity to thank our families for their ongoing understanding and support. We look forward to the term ahead and working with our students and community as we continue to work together.

### World Teacher's Day

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October we will celebrate World Teacher's Day. We are very lucky to have a wonderful group of teachers at BSIS who consistently go above and beyond to support our students. I would like to thank all our amazing teaching staff for their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm. Thank you BSIS teachers, we appreciate all that you do for us!

### Weather

As the weather warms up it is important that all students wear an appropriate school hat each day. Summer is on the way and sun protection is an important part of student wellbeing. Please make sure students have a clearly labelled water bottle to drink from throughout the day. Parents need to be applying sunscreen to their children in the morning before school.

### Term 4 2020

The last day for students to attend school in Term 4 2020 is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The staff will participate in Professional Learning on school site on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December and our school will be closed for the summer holidays on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### School Planning

We are currently beginning the process of developing a new 2021-2023 school plan. We will be asking parents for some feedback and ideas in the coming weeks. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will be using digital media and return slips rather than hosting our usual parent forums. If you have any ideas or feedback for us before this please email me at [kimberlee.collas@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kimberlee.collas@det.nsw.edu.au)

## 2021 Organisation and Class Placements

During Term 4, we spend a great deal of time planning the class structures, staffing and class allocations for the next year. To do this accurately we need to know about children who may not have enrolled to begin Kindergarten, or more importantly, anyone who is leaving for another school. It is essential that we have written advice if your child will be starting late next year or if your family is moving. If your family will not be at school for the start of the school year we need to be supplied with a letter explaining the absence and clearly stating your intended return date. Without this we are not able to include your child when formulating classes and this greatly impacts on the start of the year. Please contact the school office on 9790 6176 or email the school to let us know as soon as possible.

Teachers consider many factors when grouping children into classes for the next school year and it is never an easy task. Besides the department's guidelines about the number of children in each class at different year levels we also consider:

- academic achievement levels
- special needs and medical issues
- relationships that should be split or continued (teacher/student, student/student)
- behavioural issues or concerns
- the numbers of boys and girls in a class
- teacher allocation

If parents have particular concerns or issues about the placement of their child for next year, now is the time to let the school know so we can consider this information when forming classes. Coming to discuss a child's placement next year once classes have been finalised is too late as we are unable to make changes once classes have started. We always undertake to do the very best we can for every student. Please remember it is not always possible to meet all requests. Specific requests for a particular teacher will not be considered.

Please write to me in a sealed envelope marked confidential by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020 with any information that you would like us to consider regarding your child in 2021. All requests are treated confidentially. Please remember that while we will do our best to meet requests, this is not always possible and all decisions made are in the best interests of our students.

As you may have heard in the media there will now be two Staff Development Days in Term 1 2021 instead of the usual two at the end of year in Term 4. **This means that students in Year 1 and Year 2 will return to school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> will be Staff Development Days. Kindergarten will begin on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. Preschool and Early Intervention will have a staggered start and parents will be informed individually of their start date. Next year we will return into holding classes until numbers are confirmed. Once our numbers are confirmed we will form classes and announce teachers.

## **Changed Parking Conditions on Stacey St**

Thank you to our P&C who have worked tirelessly with us to improve the parking conditions on Stacey Street. We have been working closely with Transport NSW as Stacey St is a state owned road for the past year. While we were unable to secure a kiss and drop zone, 15 minute parking restrictions during school zone hours have been implemented on Stacey St. This will hopefully limit the number of cars that are parking all day in front of the preschool and will hopefully make the pick up and drop off easier for everyone. Please also note that the no stopping zone between the pedestrian crossing and the school driveway has been extended and this whole area is now no stopping. Please do not stop, stand or park in this area in the mornings or afternoons.

The factories and house next door to the preschool have trucks and cars going in and out of their driveways all day. Please ensure that you hold your child's hand and supervise them closely when you walk down Stacey Street, particularly near the driveways. We also have an increasing number of parents turning into the staff driveway to drop off or to turn around. This is extremely dangerous. Please do not use the driveway to drop off students or to make a u-turn.

We also have concerns over students using the pedestrian crossing unaccompanied in the morning. We had a very scary near miss last week when a child tried to enter the pedestrian crossing on an angle from the road, not the footpath and ran straight in front of a truck. We were lucky that our crossing supervisor happened to catch this out of the corner of her eye and stopped the truck. Please do not let children out of the car on the other side of the road to cross by themselves. All students P-2 must be accompanied to the school gate in the morning by an adult and also collected from school grounds in the afternoon by an adult.

I know that the council will be sending rangers to enforce the new 15 minute parking guidelines so please ensure that you are following all the road rules to avoid a fine and to also ensure the safety of our students, staff and community.

## **Attendance**

While we understand that 2020 has had many challenges, particularly with attendance we are hoping for a much smoother 2021. In 2021 we will be returning to our termly attendance party for students with good attendance and will have new, increased measures to work with students who have an attendance rate of less than 90%. Included in this newsletter are the 2021 school dates. Please ensure when booking any holidays that you try your best to book in the school holidays to limit disruption to student learning.

*Kim Collas*

*Principal*

## 2021 Term Dates

### 2021 School Dates for Students

**Term 1** – Friday 29 January 2021 to Thursday 1 April 2021

Autumn vacation - Monday 5 April 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021

**Term 2** - Tuesday 20 April 2021 to Friday 25 June 2021

Winter vacation - Monday 28 June 2021 to Friday 9 July 2021

**Term 3** - Tuesday 13 July 2021 to Friday 17 September 2021

Spring vacation - Monday 20 September 2021 to Friday 1 October 2021

**Term 4** - Tuesday 5 October 2021 to Thursday 16 December 2021

Summer vacation - Friday 17 December 2021 to Tuesday 1 February 2022

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## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

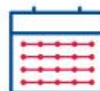
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per **fortnight**

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**4** weeks



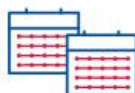
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Over **1** year missed

**1** day per **week**

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**8** weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

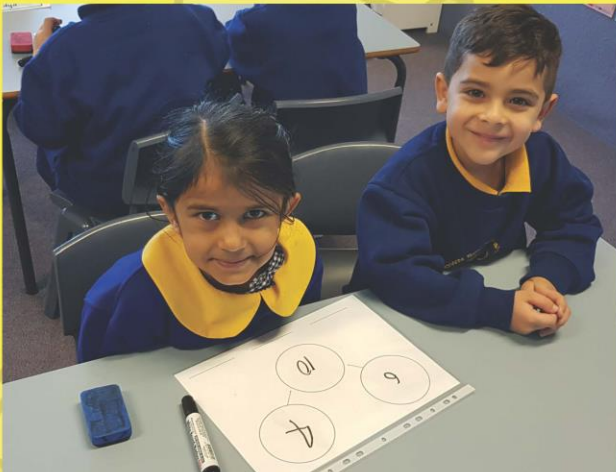
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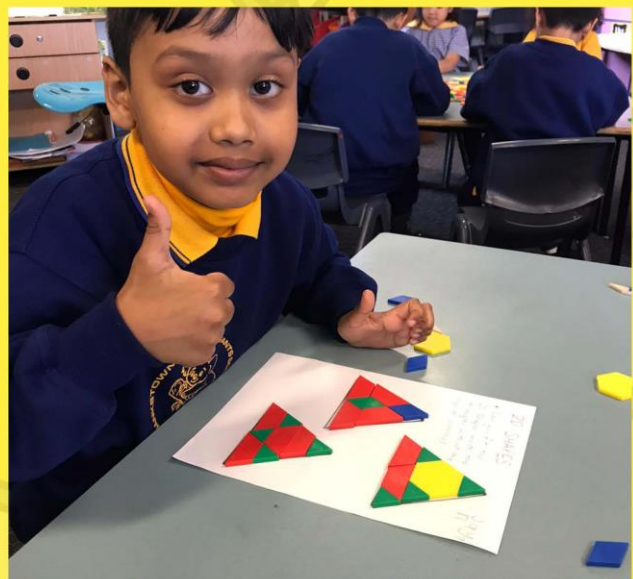
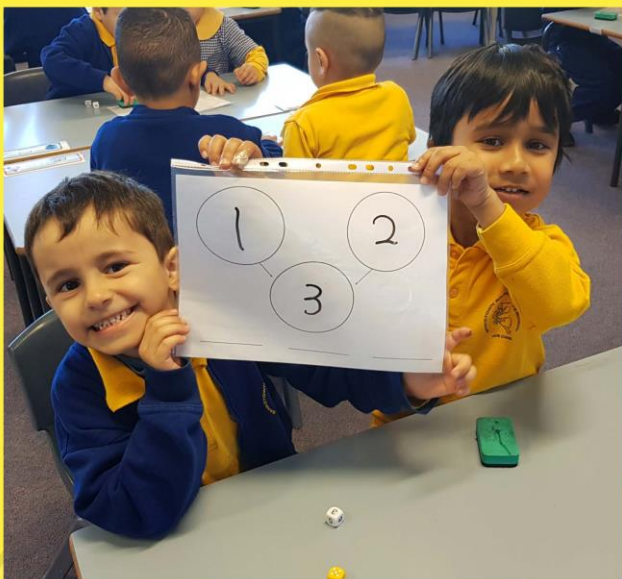
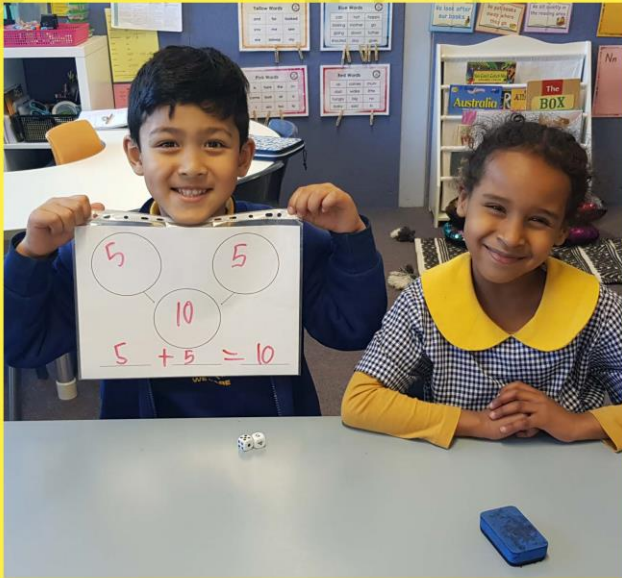
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# LEARNING IN KB!

KB have been working hard all year to develop and extend our fundamental skills in English and Mathematics. Here's a snapshot of learning in KB.

- Miss Bova









# Book Week Parade

Thursday 22nd October saw many colourful, creative & friendly costumes, worn by our lovely Bankstown South Infants school students. The boys and girls paraded happily in front of their fellow students. Some students danced eagerly around the playground, whilst others walked at a steady pace. Teachers also got into the book week spirit, wearing animal prints. This matched the theme 'Curious creatures - Wild minds' perfectly. Prizes were given to some lucky students for their colouring in talent. The Book fair opened with children writing down wish lists of books for purchase. Fortunately, one of our tech savvy parents was able to tape the parade with his drone. Thank you to all families who assisted their children with their book week costume. Even though COVID-19 prevented a huge parent audience, Book Week 2020 was still a huge hit with our enthusiastic students. Until next year, keep reading everyone.

-Mrs Stephendellis





# HEALTHY HAROLD

It was an exciting start to Term 4 when the Life Education van came to visit our school. A special guest was also there, the curious and inquisitive giraffe, Healthy Harold. He brought a lot of smiles and giggles to our students faces. Each class was given the opportunity to be part of an amazing educational experience that was taught in a fun and interactive way. Preschool and Kindergarten students ventured into an imaginary world in outer space where they explored how to build friendships and care for others. Year 2 students were involved in an animated story filled with familiar surroundings where they explored 'growing good friends'.

- Mrs Samrout



**Sports Gala Day**

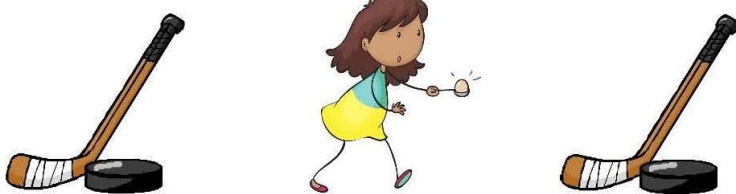
**Bankstown South Infants**  
**Sports Day**



What a great ending to last term!

Students had the opportunity to take part in a whole day of fun sports activities run by Sportspro.





## Pallet Play

This afternoon our staff participated in professional learning with Pallet Play. We used pallets and different pieces of wood to make a tepee, bridge and gated house for the preschool playground. We worked together as a team and learnt lots of new skills. We hope the preschool students enjoy playing with their new equipment.



## Uniform Shop

Uniforms can now be purchased from our uniform shop. The shop is now open 2 days per week.

**Mondays 8.30am-9am & Wednesdays 2.40-2.50pm**

Payment can be made by eftpos (preferred) or cash (only correct money will be accepted).

If you are unable to attend the shop during these times you may email your order to [bankstowski-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bankstowski-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) payment is then to be made via the "make a payment" tab on the school website. The order form and price list can be found on our school website [www.bankstowski-p.school.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bankstowski-p.school.nsw.gov.au)

Please note that your order will only be packed during one of the above opening times and will be delivered to your child's class.

Please ensure your child is in full school winter uniform each day including black school shoes and a school hat.



## Change of clothes

Can all families, especially Kindergarten and Preschool students please place a change of clothes in your child's school bag as this will help to stop our office staff ringing you to come up to school to change your child if required.



# Homework Help



Homework help will be returning to our libraries. Please bring your own stationery as we will not be sharing resources. Some locations have changed times and days. Please note these changes in the table below.

<b>Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre</b>	Wednesday, 4-7pm
<b>Campsie Library and Knowledge Centre</b>	Thursday, 4-7pm
<b>Chester Hill Library and Knowledge Centre</b>	Monday, 4-7pm
<b>Earlwood Library and Knowledge Centre</b>	Monday, 4-7pm
<b>Lakemba Library and Knowledge Centre</b>	Monday, 4-7pm

To keep us all safe, we are required to limit the number of participants in each session.

**Bookings essential for all programs.**

To book your place, call your local library on the day of the program.





## Speechie Library Talk

Would you like to help develop your child's language and literacy skills?

Listening, understanding, and speaking skills are important for good literacy, and speech pathologists can help parents and carers build the right foundations.

Meet your local speech pathologist and find out more about how you can better support your child's language and literacy development today. Bookings are essential.

**When:** 12 November, 6pm

**Where:** Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre

**Details:** Visit [cb.city/libraryevent](http://cb.city/libraryevent)

## CBCity Australia Reads Challenge

Help us proudly celebrate Australia Reads this November. Send a recording of your child reading their favourite Aussie-authored book to a finned, feathered or furry friend before **Friday 20 November**.

All entrants will be invited to a premiere viewing on the big screen.

Details: Call 9707 9856 for more details and email entries to [libraries@cbcity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:libraries@cbcity.nsw.gov.au)



**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN  
LIBRARY & KNOWLEDGE  
CENTRES**

**Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre**

80 Rickard Road, BANKSTOWN NSW 2200  
Phone: 9707 9708

**Campsie Library and Knowledge Centre**

14-28 Amy Street, CAMPSIE NSW 2194  
Phone: 9789 9423

**Chester Hill Library and Knowledge Centre**

12 Chester Hill Road, CHESTER HILL NSW 2162  
Phone: 9707 9740

**Earlwood Library and Knowledge Centre**

Corner Homer and Williams streets, EARLWOOD NSW 2206  
Phone: 9789 9417

**Greenacre Library and Knowledge Centre**

Community Place, GREENACRE NSW 2190  
Phone: 9707 9744

**Lakemba Library and Knowledge Centre**

62 The Boulevarde, LAKEMBA NSW 2195  
Phone: 9789 9419

**Padstow Library and Knowledge Centre**

132 Cahors Road, PADSTOW NSW 2211  
Phone: 9707 9747

**Panania Library and Knowledge Centre**

Corner Tower Street and Anderson Avenue, PANANIA NSW 2213  
Phone: 9707 9737

**Riverwood Library and Knowledge Centre**

80 Kentucky Road, RIVERWOOD NSW 2210  
Phone: 9707 5436

All playgroup workers and volunteers are invited to participate in the



This online session will provide an opportunity for playgroup workers and volunteers to share practical strategies to support a return to COVID-safe face-to-face playgroups.

The session will feature small group and panel discussions informed by the information you provided in the recent survey.



Wednesday 28 October 2020

1:00 to 2:30pm

Register  
now

Register via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/canterbury-bankstown-playgroup-forumoctober-2020-tickets-125843514339>

The link to join will be sent to you the day before the Forum.

This event has been organised by the  
Canterbury Bankstown Playgroup Network.

# School Travel for 2021



## 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

## New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older) □  
Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

## Term 4 2020 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Oct 12	Oct 13 Life Education Van	Oct 14 Life Education Van <b>Gymnastics</b> <b>Money Due</b>	Oct 15 Life Education van	Oct 16 Preschool Acceptance Due P&C Zoom 9.30am
2	Oct 19 Book Week	Oct 20 Book Week	Oct 21 Book Week Tony Burke card competition closes	Oct 22 Book Week & Book Week Parade Pallet Play	Oct 23 Book Week
3	Oct 26 Book Fair	Oct 27 Newsletter Home Book Fair	Oct 28 Book Fair	Oct 29	Oct 30 World Teacher Day Kindy Farm Note/MoneyDue Starr's Planetarium Note Due
4	Nov 2 Stage 1 Planetarium	Nov 3 1 <sup>st</sup> Kindy Orientation	Nov 4 Kindy Incursion & Preschool & EI	Nov 5	Nov 6
5	Nov 9 Naidoc Week Preschool & EI Farm Visit Stage Public Speaking Finals	Nov 10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kindy Orientation	Nov 11	Nov 12 Naidoc week Muffi & Donut Day EI Play Day	Nov 13 Naidoc week Recognition P&C meeting
6	Nov 16 EI Play Day	Nov 17 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kindy Orientation Newsletter Home	Nov 18 EI Play Day	Nov 19	Nov 20 Vision Screening
7	Nov 23	Nov 24 4 <sup>th</sup> Kindy Orientation	Nov 25 Vision Screening	Nov 26	Nov 27
8	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4
9	Dec 7	Dec 8 Newsletter home Y 2 Graduation Party	Dec 9 Presentation Day	Dec 10 P-2 Fun Day	Dec 12 EI Graduation
10	Dec 14 EI Graduation	Dec 15 Celebration Assembly & Y2 Graduation EI Graduation	Dec 16 <b>Last Day for Students Attendance Party</b>	Dec 17 Staff Development day	Dec 18 <b>School Closed</b>